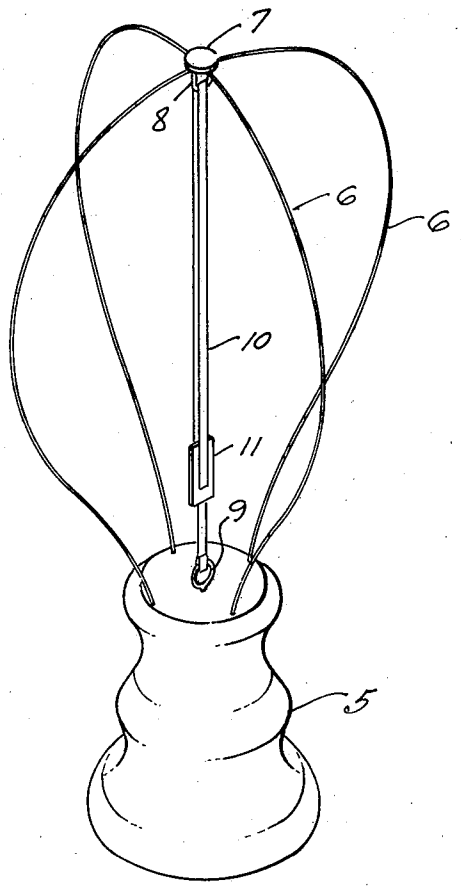
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Fig. 1



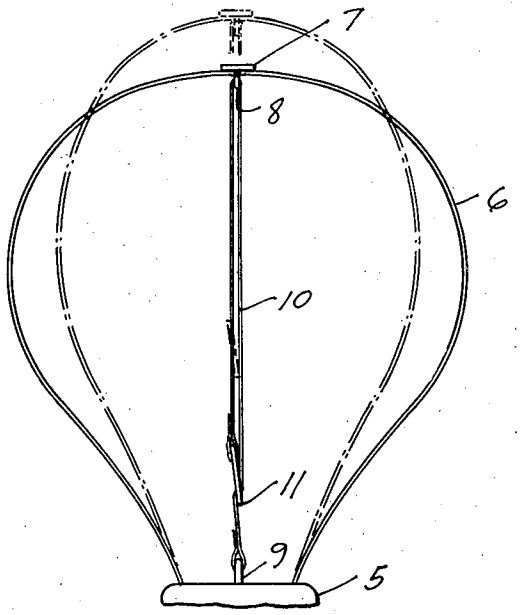




Fig. 2

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This invention relates to a hat rack or stand which may be adjusted to the crown of a hat and will maintain the hat in shape.

The objects of this invention are to provide a hat rack of the character described and having any or all of the following features:—economy of manufacture; compactness; adjustability to hats of different sizes; self adjustment to the hat crown shape; maintenance of the hat thereon against falling, slipping or collapse; and details of structure contributing to the aforementioned features.

In order that those skilled in the art may understand the construction and operation of the invention an embodiment thereof will now be described in detail referring to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hat rack; and Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the frame in two positions.

Referring with more particularity to the drawing, a base 5 is provided. This base may be of wood or any other suitable material. Resilient spreader wires 6 have their ends imbedded in the base. Two wires are shown and each wire is looped to form an arch at the top with its lower ends converging. In the present embodiment two wires are shown with their lower ends equally spaced on the base. The wires cross at the top to form a crown and a button 7 secures the wires together. One of the wires 6 has a small offset bend 8 below button 7 providing an eye. The wires form a skeleton of balloon-like shape which will accommodate itself to the shape of a hat crown and fill the latter so as to hold the hat in expanded condition and maintain it in shape.

Secured to the base 5 at the center of the ends of the wires 6 is an eye 9 forming an anchor for a tie line. A cord 10 is secured at one end to the eye 9 and rove through eye 8. The return run is secured to a slip buckle 11 which is mounted on the other run whereby it may be moved up or down to vary the length of the tie line.

In operation, a hat is placed over the arched portion of the skeleton frame and pressed down so that the crown of the frame engages the top of the hat. The frame due to its resiliency fills the hat crown adjusting itself to the shape thereof and holding the hat distended. If the frame does not firmly hold the hat distended or is too small, the buckle 11 is moved downwardly. This will cause the frame to be swelled out laterally and and firmly engage the hat at the sides.

While I have shown two spreader wires, obviously more may be employed. The particular tie line is preferable, but it is within the scope of my invention to adopt equivalents thereof and other mechanical expedients for adjustment without departing from the invention recited in the appended claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A hat rack comprising a base, a plurality of resilient spreader wires looped with their ends secured in fixed position to the base to form a balloon-like skeleton, the wires being arched and crossing at the crown of the skeleton with their lower ends converging, an adjustable tie line secured at one end to said base and connected in the other end to said crown, and means in said line for adjustment of the length of the latter.

2. A hat rack comprising a base, a plurality of resilient spreader wires looped with their ends imbedded in the base to form a balloon-like skeleton, the wires being arched and crossing at the crown of the skeleton with their lower ends converging, an anchor on said base for a tie cord, an adjustable tie cord connected to said crown and secured at one end to said anchor to provide two runs, and a slip buckle mounted on the anchored run of said cord and secured to the other run.

3. A hat rack comprising a base, a plurality of resilient spreader wires looped with their ends imbedded in the base to form a balloon-like skeleton, the wires being arched and crossing at the crown of the skeleton with their lower ends converging, a button securing said wires together at the crown, an anchor on said base for a tie line, an adjustable tie line secured to said anchor and connected to said crown, and a buckle fastener in said line for adjustment of the latter.

4. A hat rack comprising a base, a plurality of resilient spreader wires looped with their ends imbedded in the base to form a balloon-like skeleton, the wires being arched and crossing at the crown of the skeleton with their lower ends converging, a button securing said wires together at the crown and having an eye, an anchor on said base for a tie cord, an adjustable tie cord rove through said eye and secured at one end to said anchor, and a slip buckle mounted on the anchored run of said cord and secured to the other run.

5. A hat rack comprising a base, a plurality of resilient spreader wires looped with their ends secured to base to form a balloon-like skeleton, the wires crossing at the crown of the skeleton, a button securing said wires together at the crown and having an eye, an anchor on said base for a tie cord, an adjustable tie cord rove through said eye and secured at one end to said anchor, and a slip buckle mounted on the anchored run of said cord and secured to the other run.

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